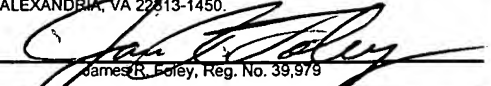




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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
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Dear Sir:

The above-noted application was filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.494, and in conjunction therewith a Notification of Missing Requirements issued on January 23, 2006.

The Notification indicates that an executed oath or declaration of the inventors must be provided. Please find enclosed the following:

- a. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application duly executed by the inventors;
- b. A copy of the aforementioned Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US); and

- c. A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for providing the Declaration later than thirty months from the priority date.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-1495 any amount necessary to cover any additional costs associated with this Response in the event that the check mentioned above is either insufficient or lost, or to credit any overpayment.

It is believed that the enclosed material responds fully to the aforementioned Notice and if any additional information is needed, please contact the undersigned at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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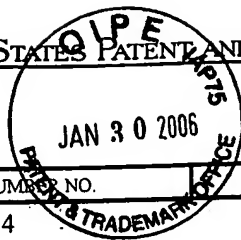
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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/19/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/19/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/19/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/19/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 10/14/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/19/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/19/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/19/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/19/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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